

INSTRUCTION

Assessment of Students

It is the belief of the Stafford County School Board that the assessment of student learning is a vital component of the instructional process. It is further recognized that the best assessment includes a variety of assessment strategies addressing the diversity of student learners. Students should demonstrate learning by responding to more than one type of assessment. The type of assessment strategies chosen by teachers should focus on actual learning of concepts and skills.

A. Standardized Tests

The Stafford County School Board endorses the Virginia Assessment System and such other standardized testing as will provide a means of evaluating both the students and the educational program.

B. Test Results

Individual student test scores should be discussed with parent(s) or guardian(s) and/or students when appropriate. Confidentiality must be maintained by personnel who may have need to review individual test results as part of an official capacity.

C. Designation of Race/Ethnicity

No teacher or other employee shall require of any elementary student being tested that the student disclose his/her race or ethnicity on any test or other assessment instrument, however, appropriate school division staff may obtain such information from a student's permanent record and place such information on such test or assessment instrument.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 2001

Code of Va., §22.1-253.13:3. Standard 3. Accreditation, other standards and evaluation. (2000)

Code of Va., §22.1-4.2. Designation of race or ethnicity by public elementary school students.—School Board employees administering tests or other assessment instruments shall not require any public elementary school students being tested to disclose their race or ethnicity on such tests.

Nothing in this section shall, however, prevent relevant school division personnel from obtaining such information from

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the students' permanent record and placing such information on such test or assessment instrument. (2000)

Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, "Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia." 8VAC 20-131-30. Student Achievement Expectations.

Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, "Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia." 8VAC 20-131-40. Literacy Passport Tests. (Adopted September 4, 1997, effective October 31, 1997).

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